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In re the Application of:

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Serial No.: 09/029,830

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For: METHOD OF ANALYSIS OF SAMPLES BY DETERMINATION OF A FUNCTION OF  
SPECIFIC BRIGHTNESS

### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enter the instant Amendment, filed with response to missing parts Notice mailed May 13,  
2002, before initial examination of the instant CPA, filed December 18, 2001.

#### IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-20, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Add the following claims.

29. A method for characterizing a sample involving detecting radiation from particles in the sample, the method comprising the steps of:
- measuring by detection means, in a repetitive mode, a number of photon counts per time interval of defined length,